Amendments to Specification

ABSTRACT

MARKED UP VERSION

~~The present invention is directed to includes an~~ An improved vent stop for use ~~in a sliding sash window assembly or a sliding door assembly~~ in sliding sash windows or sliding doors. The vent stop has a housing adapted to be disposed in the recess of either a door or window. This housing includes a cavity with a bottom plate therein. Inside the cavity is a tumbler that may be in a retracted position, to allow the sash or door to move, and an extended position to prevent the sash or door from moving. ~~When the tumbler is in an extended position the tumbler has a protruding apex at the top. The tumbler has at least one pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between the extended position and the retracted position. In the extended position the bottom of the tumbler overlies a portion of the second sash to prevent movement of the lower sash past the tumbler. When in a retracted position within said cavity the sash or door can be raised and/or moved past the tumbler without interference~~ The tumbler may move from the retracted position to the extended position via at least one pivot connection. Also within the housing is a spring [means] for biasing [said] the tumbler into the [said] extended position. The tumbler has a pivot member that has a bottom plate contact surface that contacts a side edge of the bottom plate when [said] the tumbler is in an extended position, ~~thereby being prevented from further travel by the side edge of the bottom plate~~ thus preventing further travel of the tumbler.

CLEAN VERSION

An improved vent stop for use in sliding sash windows or sliding doors. The vent stop has a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess of either a door or window. This housing includes a cavity with a bottom plate therein. Inside the cavity is a tumbler that may be in a retracted position, to allow the sash or door to move, and an extended position to prevent the sash or door from moving. The tumbler may move from the retracted position to the extended position via at least one pivot connection. Also within the housing is a spring for biasing the tumbler into the extended position. The tumbler has a pivot member that has a bottom plate contact surface that contacts a side edge of the bottom plate when the tumbler is in an extended position, thus preventing further travel of the tumbler.

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The vent stop 10 includes a housing [11] 12 that retains the mechanism of the stop. The housing is installed in an opening or recess in the front surface of the sash stile. The housing 12 may have a front wall, rear wall 13 and first and second housing members 14 and 15. On the top surface of the housing is a faceplate 16 which has a lip portion 17 that overlaps the peripheral edge of the recess to support the housing [11] 12 therein and to furnish an attractive exterior appearance and protect any rough edges in the opening in the sash stile. The first housing member 14 and a second housing member 15 extend downwardly from the under surface 18 of the faceplate 16. Each of the first and second housing members have a top edge 20 and a bottom edge 21. Preferably extending across from the bottom edge 21 of the first housing member to the bottom edge of the second housing member is a bottom plate 22. The bottom plate 22 need only extend across a portion of the area between the bottom edges of the housing members. In addition it need not have a continuous surface and may have one or more openings as desired.